

## Message Text

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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, EAIR, IS  
SUBJECT: AIR CONTROLLERS CONTINUE TO SLOW FLIGHTS

REF: TEL AVIV 3307

1. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MINISTRY OF  
TRANSPORTATION SPOKESMAN ON MAY 10 (REFTEL), AIR CONTROLLERS,  
WHILE AGREEING TO RESUME WORK UNDER GOVERNMENT ORDERS,  
ARE CONTINUING TO DELAY ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT BEN  
GURION AIRPORT UNDER VARIOUS TECHNICAL PRETEXTS. EL  
AL CLAIMS FLIGHT DELAYS ARE FROM 30 MINUTES TO TWO  
HOURS.

2. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE STRIKE STARTED  
WHEN AN AIR CONTROLLER REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKE-  
OFF OF A FULLY LOADED AND REFUELED AIRCRAFT ON ONE OF  
THE AIRPORT'S RUNWAYS "FOR SAFETY REASONS." WHEN THE  
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AIRPORT DIRECTOR SUSPENDED THE AIR CONTROLLER FOR REFUSING  
TO CLEAR THE PLANE, AND PERSONALLY AUTHORIZED ITS  
DEPARTURE, ALL CONTROLLERS STRUCK.

3. MANAGEMENT CLAIMS THAT THE SAFETY ARGUMENT IS  
JUST A PRETENSE AND THE REAL ISSUE IS A NEW  
CONTRACT AND A PAY INCREASE. THE AIR CONTROLLERS'

UNION, HOWEVER, CLAIMS THAT ITS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY  
OF THE RUNWAY IS BASED ON A MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION  
REPORT. NEGOTIATIONS ARE REPORTEDLY CONTINUING.  
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